

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0030] If the covering-layer forming step were implemented after the implementation of the surface smoothing step, namely, if the formation of the covering layer were made after the formation of the through-holes as the nozzle holes, the covering layer would be likely to be formed erroneously ~~formed~~ on a portion of the outside surface of the substrate adjacent to the opening of each nozzle hole. This leads to a failure of the formation of the non-wetting layer on the portion adjacent to the opening of each nozzle hole, thereby making it impossible to provide each nozzle hole with a desired characteristic of ink ejection.

Please replace paragraph [0059] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0059] In the ink-jet print head 2 constructed as described above, the ink supplied from the ink supply source is delivered to the manifold chamber 30 via the ink delivery passage 17a and the ink ~~let-inlet~~ inlet 18a, and is then delivered to the pressure chamber 34 via the communication hole 31, the restricted passage 32 and the communication hole 33. The ink within the pressure chamber 34 is pressurized by activation of the actuator unit 19, so that the pressurized ink is ejected through the nozzle hole 13 which communicates with the pressure chamber 34 via the communication passage 35.

Please replace paragraph [0100] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0100] The preparation of the nozzle plate 110 is completed with the completion of the non-wetting layer forming step. The completed nozzle plate 110 is bonded at its inside surface to the head body 103 by the adhesive 105 (e.g., epoxy bond), as shown in Fig. 9.

Please replace paragraph [0130] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0130] While the presently preferred embodiments of this invention have been described above in detail by reference to the accompanying drawings, ~~for~~for illustrative purpose only, it is to be further understood that the present invention may be embodied with various other changes, modifications and improvements, such as those described in the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION, which may occur to those skilled in the art, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention defined in the following claims: